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### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 4-12, 15-27, 30-40 and 43-96 are in the application. Claims 63-67, 73-77 and 83-92 are allowed. Claims 16-27, 30-40, 43-61, 68-72 and 93-96 are canceled without prejudice.

The Claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to include a function or activity of the LEC1 protein. Support for "stimulates cell growth" is found on page 10, lines 12-13; page 46, lines 6-10; page 47, lines 6-8; page 49, lines 3-5; page 55, lines 21-22 and page 56, lines 1-2

In view of the above amendments and comments, withdrawal of the remaining rejections and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, ~

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